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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

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This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 16, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The September 16, 2003 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by December 16, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, a reply to the September 16, 2003 Office Action is now due March 16, 2004 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

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